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Senator Brown Announces Legislative Staff

Editor's Note: A downloadable photograph of Senator Brown and his staff is available on the Senate Majority Photowire at:

<http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Brown/Brown.htm>

(THURSDAY, Jan. 16, 2003) – State Senator Cameron S. Brown announced today that he has appointed his legislative staff and that his office is open to help the constituents of the 16th Senate district.

Senator Brown said that he is pleased to have an experienced office staff to serve the people of the 16th district. “In this era of term limits, having a knowledgeable staff permits us to perform our mission to be an effective advocate for the people of Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee, and St. Joseph counties in a manner worthy of their confidence and trust,” Brown said.

Ben Bodkin will serve as Chief of Staff, Jeanne Laimon as Legislative Director, Tony Hendon as Media and Special Projects Coordinator, Wendy Cook as Office Manager and Nancy Jenkins as District Representative.

Bodkin is a Hillsdale College graduate who served as legislative assistant for Brown in the Michigan House of Representatives. He previously served as a legislative assistant for state Representative James “Mick” Middaugh. Before coming to the Michigan Legislature, he served as a staff member on U.S. Congressman Nick Smith’s campaign committee. Bodkin is responsible for administering Brown’s Lansing and district offices.

Laimon is a graduate of Michigan State University and has completed courses at Thomas M. Cooley Law School. She also served as a legislative assistant for Brown in the Michigan House and has previous employment experience as a legal secretary, adult education instructor and substitute teacher for Jackson County Public Schools. Laimon is responsible for managing Brown’s legislative agenda.

Hendon is also a graduate of Michigan State University and has completed coursework at the University of London. Prior to joining Brown’s staff, he served under the former Michigan House Majority Whip, Rep. Jerry Vander Roest, and worked for two years in the Michigan Senate. Hendon oversees Brown’s media relations, district communications and special projects.

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Jenkins, a resident of Lenawee County, received her Master's degree in Political Science from the University of Toledo and is a graduate of Evangel University, Springfield, Missouri. She has previous employment experience in the real estate title insurance industry. She has served as Vice-Chair of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Law Enforcement in Lenawee County. Jenkins will manage Brown's branch office.

Cook is working toward completion of her undergraduate coursework at Michigan State University and previously worked for longtime state Senator Harry Gast as office manager. Prior to working in the Senate, she was employed in the private sector in customer service and marketing. Cook will manage the day-to-day operations of Brown's office.

The 16th district includes all of Branch, Hillsdale, Lenawee and St. Joseph counties.

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